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Haywood County Schools Foundation

A community partnership of businesses and individuals whose purpose is to enhance public education in Haywood County Consolidated Schools.





## HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



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What a year! In the past year our schools, students, and employees have overcome and accomplished so much. The commitment to serve students from all neighborhoods cannot be matched. That is a testament to the compassion of employees at all campuses. So, I want to say a thank you to the employees who show up day after day, year after year with a passion to give each and every student

of Haywood County Schools an opportunity to succeed.

Even in the midst of a pandemic and floods, Haywood County Schools Foundation was able to provide more than \$658,000 to the school system. That is a number we are so proud of but know it could not happen without our generous and caring donors.

We are looking forward to getting back to a fundraising year with two of our most popular events. Fall BINGO will be held on Saturday, October 1, and the Mardi Gras Ball will be held on February 25, 2023. We hope to see so many missed faces back at both fun evenings.

As we press on into the 2022-2023 school year, the Haywood County Schools Foundation's mission to provide educational opportunities to our students and staff directs all of our decisions, goals, and practices. If we continue to work together, there are no boundaries to what we can do!

jenny wood









## A MESSAGE FROM



## HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS



Bill Nolte, Ed.D. Haywood County Schools Superintendent (828) 456-2400, ext 2113

Welcome to Haywood County Schools for the 2022-23 school year. I am so proud of our school system and school community. No one has done more during the last two years to provide support and opportunity for our students and employees. We ended the 2020-21 school year ranked 10th among the state's 115 school systems in academic performance. Our performance during the 2021-22 school year was also

strong. We are anxiously awaiting the release of our 2021-22 school year performance from the state.

Like much of North Carolina and the rest of the nation, we have experienced very challenging times. COVID-19 and significant civil unrest created volatile and unpredictable times. When COVID-19 hit, we made a conscious decision to do as much as we could for the community, our students, and our staff. We returned to in-person learning in October of 2019, five days a week. Most school systems only opened four days a week and 25 school systems in the state were closed for in-person learning for a year. We were able to provide many in-person and extracurricular activities early on, with very minimal school-related spread.

As we continue moving forward, I want to remind everyone to be kind, be smart, and be safe. I ask everyone to take personal responsibility for their health and their behavior. Haywood County Schools is a place for students to learn and have a variety of extracurricular opportunities. Haywood County Schools is not a place to criticize, embarrass, or discredit others for their race, sex or personal, political, social or religious beliefs.

I hope you have a wonderful school year. We are ready to serve our students with quality learning and extracurricular opportunities. We are counting on you to help us become even better.





Dr. Bill Nolte announced his retirement in August. Dr. Nolte came to the school system during the 1984-85 school year. He has served in many capacities in Haywood County Schools including Central Office director, assistant principal at Pisgah High School, principal of Bethel Elementary School, principal of Waynesville Middle School, associate superintendent and superintendent. His retirement is effective November 1.

"I love Haywood County Schools, and it has been a great honor to serve as superintendent," Dr. Nolte said. "Now it is time for me to spend more time with my family."

# By the Numbers





## \$79,662 Smathers Fund

The Smathers Economically Disadvantaged Fund is used to help students participate in school activities that families cannot pay for such as field trips, sports fees, and band instruments.

## \$400,500 Scholarships

93 high school seniors from Pisgah, Tuscola, and Haywood Early College were awarded with more than 120 scholarships in May.

## \$41,376 Grants

Teachers, staff, schools, and student groups received grants to complete projects and participate in training.

## \$96,000 Flood Relief

After the floods of 2021, the Haywood County Schools Foundation donated money and supplies to affected students.

## \$14,653 Professional Development

Teachers and faculty participated in training that focused on English/Language Arts and building relationships.

## \$14,500 Years of Service

145 employees reaching years of service milestones with Haywood County Schools were given gift cards.

## **109 students** Sugar Plum Project

For 35 years, generous donors have provided pre-K, kindergarten, and 1st grade students in need with Christmas presents.

### **\$2,952** Sports Scholarshir

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate-Heritage provided funds for students in need to participate in sports.

## \$3,400

Each of the 15 schools' Teacher of the Year winners were awarded with a gift card and recognized at a banquet.

## HCS Ranks 7th

# A Beacon of Excellence

The newly released 2021-22 N.C. data shows that Haywood County Schools is now ranked 7th among 115 school systems in academic performance. This is the highest academic performance ranking in school system history. During the previous school year, the school system was ranked 10th. The Haywood County Schools Foundation is proud to partner with our district's teachers to help them succeed by providing classroom supplies, contributing to innovative programs, and supporting professional development opportunities.



Thanks to your generous donations, The Haywood County Schools Foundation was able to provide \$658,578 in funding to our district's schools, faculty, and students during the 2021-22 school year



## Partners in Education

In May, the Haywood County Schools Foundation awarded 93 Pisgah, Tuscola, and Haywood Early College high school seniors with more than 120 scholarships totaling \$400,500. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$500 to \$48,000.

Currently, the Foundation manages more than 60 scholarships. Scholarships may be endowed or funded annually. Criteria for awarding the scholarship are designed by the donors and the Foundation board of directors. Endowed scholarships are generated through the investment of permanently-held principals so that only the income from the principal is used for scholarship awards.





"This scholarship is going to help my family out a lot by taking a huge burden off of my parents' shoulders. I'm

extremely thankful to the Plott family and the Haywood County Schools Foundation."

Jackson Holland, Pisgah graduate

- Attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Wayne and Grace Plott Memorial Scholarship recipient



"Wofford has a great study abroad program that I want to join to further my educational experience. The

scholarship from the Foundation will ensure I have the funds to participate in study abroad at least once, and hopefully twice."

#### Hannah Wells, Tuscola graduate

- Attending Wofford College
- James and Betty Scott Scholarship recipient

## 2022 Scholarship Recipients

**Brian Acevedo-Noyola**, THS: Charles K. Patterson Memorial

Ralyn Balance, THS: Waynesville Woman's Club

Alexandra Battle, HEC: Smathers Cruso

Anthony Blazer, PHS: Jack & Louise Sellers Memorial

**Titus Bleckley**, PHS: Cruso Friendship Club and Champion Credit Union-Roland Leatherwood

Azaleah "Azzy" Bradley, HEC: WOW - Lynda Chovan Memorial and Cynthia Shepherd Culbertson Memorial

Alyssa Bridges, PHS: Haywood Rotary Club

**Olivia Brown**, THS: Teresa Kaye Ashe Memorial for Nursing, Scott Sisters, and Cynthia Shepherd Culbertson Memorial

Ian Bryson, PHS: Haywood Rotary Club

Wyatt Bucinskas, PHS: Haywood Rotary Club

Ethan Bumgarner, PHS: Champion Credit Union-Roland Leatherwood

Hayden Burris, HEC: Frank & Kathryn G. Kirkpatrick Memorial

Jacob Carver, HEC: Haywood County Schools Foundation

**Peyton Chappell**, PHS: Haywood County Schools Foundation

Hannah Clark, THS: Dr. Mack S. & Beulah Setser Memorial and Elayne Tucker Wadsworth Memorial

Katherine Clontz, PHS: Reeves Memorial

Kielynn Cockrell, THS: David Sherrill Memorial

Lucas Cody, PHS: State Employees Credit Union

**Emma Deaver**, PHS: Cruso Friendship Club and Champion Credit Union-Roland Leatherwood

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Emma Dorgan, THS: Haywood County Schools Foundation

Aidan East, HEC: Haywood County Schools Foundation

Evan Easton, PHS: Peggy Melville and United Community Bank

Ian Enggren, THS: Moses L. Robinson Memorial

Adam Ensley, HEC: Waynesville Township High School Class of 1961

Zachary Ensley, HEC: Tommy E. Davis Memorial

**Skylar Fish**, THS: Waynesville Township High School Class of 1959

Ashtyn Frady, PHS: Haywood County Schools Foundation

Joshua Drake Franklin, PHS: Sportsman's Club,

Altrusa International of Waynesville, and Canopy Realtor Association/Western Region

Jason Frazier, THS: Junaluska Ross-Lance

Kinley Gilliam, PHS: Haywood Rotary Club

James "Tre" Goodman, HEC: Haywood County Schools Foundation

Jocelyn Green, HEC: State Employees Credit Union

Macon Haider, PHS: Betty Jean Henson Memorial and James M. & Mary P. Edwards Memorial

**Emerald "Chayse" Hall**, HEC: Canton High School Class of 1957 and Clyde Lions Club-Somberg, McCracken & Hannah

Julie Harter, HEC: Smathers Cruso

Joseph Hodge, PHS: Staff Sgt. Michael Parrott Memorial

Jackson Holland, PHS: Wayne & Grace Plott Memorial

Emily Ingham, HEC: QuickDraw-Art

Abigail Jones, THS: QuickDraw-Art and Canopy Realtor Association/Western Region

Anneke Lam, THS: State Employees Credit Union

Olivia Masciarelli, THS: Haywood County Democratic Women and Smathers Cruso

Amanda McCall, THS: Patricia C. Liner, Rn Memorial

John McCrory, THS: Haywood County Schools Nutrition Association

Sydney Messer, PHS: PHS Golden Anniversary

**Gracyn Mills**, PHS: Champion Credit Union-Roland Leatherwood and QuickDraw-Art

Zoe Mina, THS: Tuscola Class of 1972

Tristin Moore, HEC: First Citizens Bank

Jackson Morgan, PHS: Smathers Cruso

**Isabelle Morris**, HEC: Robert E. & Viola Forga and Haywood County Schools Foundation

**Reagan Mulvey**, THS: Steve Sutton Memorial, Haywood County Community Band, and Tuscola Class of 1973

Truongan Nguyen, THS: Haywood Regional Medical Center

**Gabe Nussman**, PHS: Haywood Regional Medical Center and Waynesville Township High School Class of 1959

Jonah Ottie, THS: Haywood Regional Medical Center

Ephraim Overstreet, HEC: Waynesville Garden Club-Horticulture and Richie's Alliance

Xander Parilla, THS: Adeline B. Patrick Memorial, Dr. Charles Isley and Robert A. Campbell Music, Shay Barnes Starnes Memorial, and Haywood County Community Band

Sara Parrott, PHS: Doris Eugenia Plott Memorial

John-Paul Pless, PHS: Haywood Regional Medical Center

**Ty Pressel**, THS: Haywood County Schools Foundation and QuickDraw-Art

Morgan Putnam, PHS: Doris Eugenia Plott Memorial and Cynthia Shepherd Culbertson Memorial

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Hannah Wells, THS: James & Betty Scott Memorial and Tuscola Class of 1971

Logan White, THS: Mark Douglas Parris Memorial and QuickDraw-Art

Ellie Williams, THS: Waynesville Woman's Club

Laken Williams, THS: Scott Sisters

Luke Wilson, THS: Altrusa International of Waynesville and Tuscola Class of 1973

Suella Wilson, THS: Waynesville Lions Club-Charles Balentine Sr. Memorial and Scott Sisters

Bryce Worley, THS: Bill Sease Memorial

Addison Wyatt, THS: Waynesville Woman's Club

Susan Zhang, PHS: Mary Gillis Educational Memorial and Scott Sisters

# Teachers of the Year

Teachers play an essential role in ensuring that the district's nearly 7,000 students receive a quality education by providing innovative instruction and loving

care. Currently, Haywood County Schools employs more than 450 permanent, certified teachers who make it possible for our system to go "from good to great."

## BETHEL ELEMENTARY Tiffany Cantrell

**BETHEL MIDDLE** Sally Hundley

CANTON MIDDLE Ricky Warren

CENTRAL HAYWOOD HIGH Josh Messer

HAYWOOD EARLY COLLEGE Chase Smith

## HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY Rosemary Rogers

JONATHAN VALLEY ELEMENTARY Tonya Greene

JUNALUSKA ELEMENTARY Christina Roberts

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY Jamie Frese

NORTH CANTON ELEMENTARY Neisha Cochran PISGAH HIGH Emily Burrus

RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY Kellye Slate

TUSCOLA HIGH Andrew Shelton

WAYNESVILLE MIDDLE Jennifer Mehaffey

\* Thanks to Pactiv Evergreen and Jack Bishop, Edward Jones for sponsoring Teacher of the Year.

## Principal of the Year

Alex Masciarelli, Junaluska Elementary School



Alex Masciarelli has been principal at Junaluska Elementary School for the past four years. Prior to his time at Junaluska, he was an assistant principal at Tuscola and worked as a teacher at Waynesville Middle School from 2000-2015 where he taught Spanish, drama, and reading.

"Being named Haywood County Schools' Principal of the Year is a tremendous honor. I see and hear about how hard my principal colleagues work, so knowing that they chose me means so much. I love being principal at Junaluska Elementary. The teachers are extremely dedicated to the profession and inspire me to be better everyday. Our staff has found the perfect balance between nurturing students and providing the appropriate amount of academic rigor. I knew that I would love working in an elementary school, I just didn't know how much I would love it. Elementary students have a contagious enthusiasm for learning and are authentic. I look forward to going to work every day and supporting our students, teachers and families."

\* Thanks to Premier Magnesia, LLC / Giles Chemical Division for sponsoring the Principal of the Year award.

# Commitment to our Employees Grants



Grants fund resources for teachers and staff to enrich the learning experience of our district's students. Last year, we gave 137 grants to Haywood County Schools' employees totaling more than \$41,000. Teachers may apply for 2022-23 grants online at www.hcsf.haywood.k12.nc.us. Deadline is November 4, 2022.



# Sponsorship Opportunities

Tax-deductible contributions to the Haywood County Schools Foundation may take the form of a cash gift, appreciated securities or real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder, non-profit organization assets, memorials, estate gifts or wills and bequests, or other real or personal property. For more information about donating, please contact the Foundation's Executive Director Jenny Wood at 828-456-2400 ext 2117 or e-mail jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us.

## Create a Scholarship

Scholarships may be endowed or funded annually. Currently, the Foundation manages 60 scholarships that are awarded to local students.



## Special Event Sponsor

The Foundation hosts several fundraising events throughout the year. Sponsors are advertised at the event and in our media communications.



## **One-Time Donation**

One-time donations are always accepted and can be made to support a specific project, school, or program, like Sugar Plum.



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## Mardi Gras Ball

The Mardi Gras Ball, sponsored by First Citizens Bank, will return February 25,2023 at Laurel Ridge Country Club. This annual event has raised more than \$700,000 for scholarships, grants, and support services. We are excited to bring back our biggest fundraiser of the year!

## 2021 Assets

Total Current Assets	\$805,762
Total Investment Assets	\$6,586,604
Total Assets	\$7,392,366

$\operatorname{Bingo}$ is back! Join us on Saturday, October 1 at				
Tuscola High School's cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 for				
20 games. Doors open at 4:30pm and games start at				
6:00pm. Great prizes and a chance to win \$500 cash!				

## 2021 Expenses

Scholarships	\$172,192	
Grants	\$283,638	
Total Program Services	\$455,830	
Total Expenses	\$103,165	

2022 Assets	
Total Current Assets	\$808,374
Total Investment Assets	\$6,406,396
Total Assets	\$7,214,770

## Sarah Smart

# BACK HOME IN HAYWOOD



Tuscola alumna Sarah Smart is returning to her stomping grounds this fall as the school's new agriculture/ horticulture teacher.

Smart graduated from Tuscola in 2017 and received the Haywood County Schools Foundation's James and Betty Scott Memorial Scholarship. She moved to Raleigh and attended North Carolina State University where she majored in agriculture science with minors in agriculture business management and animal science.

During her freshman year of college, Smart's world was turned upside down when she was diagnosed with cancer.

"When I had cancer in college, it was the overwhelming support of people here who helped me. I think my life would be totally different if I didn't have that help," Smart explained. "Now I want to help the kids. I want them to understand ag, be critical thinkers and problem solvers." Smart is now cancer free and looking forward to her next chapter in life on the hill at Tuscola.

"Other jobs I had applied for around Raleigh just didn't make my heart sing," Smart said. "I want to be home close to my family and be apart of teaching the next generation about the



importance of our local agriculture community."

Smart is no stranger to agriculture. Along with getting a formal education at NC State, Smart grew up on her family's dairy farm in the Crabtree community where she milked, took care of calves, and helped with vegetable production.

This semester, Smart will teach agri-science, horticulture I, and animal science I. Next semester, she will teach horticulture I and II and animal science I courses.

During each class, Smart will go over a wide variety of topics from food science to animal behavior to propagation techniques. Smart plans to incorporate hands-on and group activities into all of her classes.

Smart hopes to build upon the school's wellestablished agriculture and horticulture programs.

"I'm passionate about educating others about agriculture and preserving the heritage of farming," Smart said. "Part of my job is to reach the students and bridge the gap between students and farmers in the community."





















When you sponsor a program, project, or scholarship through the Haywood County Schools Foundation, you are investing in the education of our community's future leaders, creating opportunities for our teachers to deliver creative lessons, and assisting students with achieving their academic dreams.

#### 2021



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